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: METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA AND

OTHER CONDITIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, before the first line, please insert the following paragraph: 1-- This is a

continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP98/02998, with an international filing date of May 13, 1998, now pending, which is a continuation of US Patent Application No.

08/855,311, with a filing date of May 13, 1997, now pending.--

In the Claims:

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Delete claim 31.

REMARKS

The specification is amended to recite claimed benefit under 35 USC 120 from International Patent Application PCT/EP98/02998 and its corresponding US application.

No new matter has been added by the above amendments.

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Claims 1-30 are now pending. Prompt examination of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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